

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

COMMITTEE

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Boston, Mass., April 1, 1954, A.O. 836

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
SERIES 1953-1954

TO THE EMINENT COMMANDERS, OFFICERS AND SIR KNIGHTS OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION.

GREETINGS:

The contributions made by the various Commanderies for the 1953 Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Fund is gratifying but not up to our expectations, which shows that many of our Sir Knights are reluctant to lend a helping hand to their less fortunate brothers.

Each Commander will recall the charge in his Installation: "You will distribute alms to the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind the wounds of the afflicted and inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality." Each Commander has faithfully performed his duty with the amount donated by the Sir Knights of his Commandery, and they have sent in many fine comments which they received from the recipients, for the Christmas gifts made to them, showing that many feel that, although they may be bed-ridden or infirm, there is still a spirit of Christmas through the donations of the Sir Knights of their Commandery.

Forty-eight Commanderies contributed a total this year of \$8,712.47 which is \$385.33 less than last year, although we had an increase of 185 Sir Knights in our membership. Many Commanderies did not avail themselves of OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1, issued on November 2, 1953 — ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AND GOOD CHEER OFFERING — which is a direct appeal from the Grand Commander to the Sir Knights of our jurisdiction to contribute to this worthy cause.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." — Galatians 6-10.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1931.....	\$5,768.24	1943.....	\$4,715.01
1932.....	4,973.75	1944.....	5,732.60
1933.....	4,436.65	1945.....	6,033.19
1934.....	4,946.82	1946.....	6,699.20
1935.....	4,088.37	1947.....	6,820.59
1936.....	4,915.34	1948.....	7,253.27
1937.....	4,798.91	1949.....	7,669.24
1938.....	4,608.07	1950.....	7,912.75
1939.....	4,386.23	1951.....	8,431.52
1940.....	4,610.99	1952.....	9,097.80
1941.....	4,588.35	1953.....	8,712.47
1942.....	4,217.04		

\$135,416.40

It is my order that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this first day of April, 1954, A.O. 836.

Courteously yours,

Harrie M. Taft
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder.

